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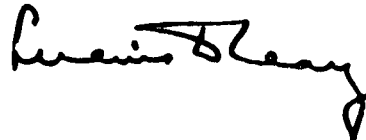
Dear Mr. President:

Thank you very much for
your letter.

I am not returning home
for Christmas as it could be the wrong
time to be away from Berlin. If the
Soviet forces plan another "squeeze" in
the immediate future (which I doubt),
they would time it for the Christmas
season, expecting us to be off guard.

I do hope, however, that
it will be a quiet period here and else-
where so that you may have the opportunity
to relax at least a little and to enjoy
the Christmas Season.

Faithfully yours,



The President,
The White House.